

**Remarks**

By this Amendment, allowable claims 41-43 have been amended into independent form, claims 22, 25, 27 and 30 have been amended to depend from claim 41, claims 32, 34 and 35 have been amended to depend from claim 42, claim 38 has been amended to depend from claim 43 and claims 21, 31 and 37 have been canceled. After entry of this Amendment, claims 22, 23, 25, 27, 30, 32-36, 38 and 41-43 will remain pending. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 41-43. Claim 41 has been amended into allowable form to include all of the features of claim 21, and claim 21 has been cancelled. Claim 42 has been amended into allowable form by including all of the features of claim 31, and claim 31 has been cancelled. Claim 43 has been amended into allowable form by including all of the features of claim 37, and claim 37 has been cancelled. Remaining claims 22, 23, 25, 27 and 30 depend from claim 41, either directly or indirectly. Remaining claims 32-36 depend from allowable claim 42, either directly or indirectly. Remaining claim 38 depends from allowable claim 43. Accordingly, all claims present in the application are believed to be allowable and in condition for immediate allowance.

As indicated, claims 21, 31 and 37 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve all rights to pursue these claims and other similar claims in a continuing application. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections raised in the final rejection, but have cancelled the rejected independent claims and taken the allowable subject matter for economic reasons and to expedite prosecution of this application.


Based on the forgoing, applicants respectfully submit that the claims are drawn to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe that

anything further is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the examiner is requested to contact applicants' representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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